

PLAN YOUR PLANTINGS NOW FOR WINTER-STORING CROPS

Root Crops Are Particularly Desirable, Keeping Without Special Treatment—What Vegetables Can Be Put in and How Long Late Planting Can Be Delayed

By JOHN BARTRAM

LET me suggest that every one who creates or cultivates a garden helps, and helps greatly, to solve the problem of the feeding of the nation—President Wilson.

Bring your gardening problems to the Evening Ledger for practical, helpful solution. Address JOHN BARTRAM.

There is time yet to start a home garden. Spade the ground and start this week. Beans, black wax and string, corn, beets, tomato plants, carrots, cucumbers, cabbage plants can be put in.

Readers by sending this coupon and two-cent stamp for postage to the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, 210 Maryland Building, Washington, D. C., will receive FREE OF ANY CHARGE a primer on canning and drying vegetables and fruits.

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It is time now to think of vegetables which can be stored, canned, pickled or dried. The first is the simplest method and is adapted to a number of vegetables.

It is of the utmost importance this year to plant vegetables which can be stored and used after frost has done its work. The root crops especially thrive on a light soil, rich in organic matter, but will produce favorable crops on ordinary garden soil.

Many home gardeners devote too much time and space to short-season and quick-maturing crops, giving little consideration to succession or "follow-up" crops. While it is true that no home garden is complete without the proverbial lettuce, radish, peas and green onions, the present critical food situation demands that the less perishable crops, like potatoes, beans, squash, pumpkin and root crops, be grown.

Now that the early peas, lettuce, etc., are nearing their end, their place should be filled with other crops. Suggestions are herewith made as to what may be profitably planted from now on. Times given are for the latitude of Philadelphia in a fairly central point of reference for 100 miles north allow a week later; for each 100 miles south, subtract a week.

BEETS—For late maturity some seasonal variety like Detroit Dark Red or Edmond's Blood turnip may be sown to July 15 in rows eighteen inches apart and one-half to three-fourths inches deep. The crop should be harvested before freezing weather. Light frosts will injure beets, provided the ground is well covered with foliage. Beets should be thinned to stand one inch apart when they are two to two and one-half inches high. Beets removed by thinning may be used for table greens. Later they may be thinned out to stand four to six inches apart. If the second thinning is done gradually, one may have a more or less constant supply of beets during late summer.

CARROTS are easy to grow, and they lend themselves to storing. For winter use sow the seeds a week earlier than for beets. Thin first to stand one inch and later three to four inches apart in the rows. Judicious use of mulch, thinning will provide a constant supply of tender carrots for the table. Varieties adapted to late planting are Danvers, Half Long and Chantenay.

TURNIPS mature quickly. Plant wherever space is available, and especially when it is too late to plant other succeeding crops. Turnips are easily grown and read-

FARMER SMITH'S COLUMN

THE LONG, LONG DAYS

My Own Dear—A few days ago (it seems) it was dark when I got up to get my breakfast, but now the sunshine is up when I take my pink toes out of bed and put them on the floor.

The days are longer and I think I am doing more work. I try to do two men's work, and thus bring the war to a speedier conclusion. There is no use in my trying to do what you do, because you are doing it better. I would be a lazy man to ask you to do your own work and that of some one else while I eat up and take life easy.

Try to get up early and try to work late. Try to play just a little, and move. Make your play for health and work. Remember that croquet and tennis are good exercise. The former might be compared to sweeping the floor.

Don't play now and then. Don't you think it a bad plan to play with a LOT of children? It seems to me that two are company and three is a crowd. There is no use in my trying to do what you do, because you are doing it better. I would be a lazy man to ask you to do your own work and that of some one else while I eat up and take life easy.

What do YOU think? Your loving editor, FARMER SMITH.

STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BILLY BUMPUS

JOCJO TRICKS BILLY By Farmer Smith

"Jocjo," "Yes, dear." "I wish you would be serious and not talk so disrespectfully to me," said Billy Bumpus to his friend Jocjo, the monkey.

"Yes, darling," replied Jocjo. "Maybe you are not so polite to me when I tell you what I have in mind," said Billy.

"I don't care, precious," Jocjo still persisted. "I love all those terms, but this is serious. I want you to let me fire you out of the cannon," ventured Billy, eyeing the monkey carefully.

"You have but to breathe a wish and I will be in my power to grant it, I will be glad to do so, my darling," replied the monkey.

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